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HEADQUARTERS EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
A.P.O. 464, U. S. ARMY

5 May 1944

SUBJECT : Battalion History for Month of April.

TO : Commanding General,
88th Infantry Division,
APO 88, U. S. Army.

April was a quiet month for this battalion as far as operations were concerned. The Battalion Commanding Officer was relieved as of 1 April 1944, VCOG, 88th Infantry Division. Executive officer Major Fred G. Rowell assumed command. Rear echelon moved on 2 April from San Angelo, Italy, area to present position near Casanova, Italy. On 3 and 4 April, Company B was shelled with damage to personnel and materiel on 4 April. One M-10 was demolished and four men wounded; two seriously and two lightly. All line companies fired missions during period 1 to 8 April; either harassing, call or registration fire. At 1920 hours, 8 April, 88th Division Artillery reported twenty-one enemy tanks behind Mt. Bracchi. Companies A and C were ordered to move towards highway #7. Company C was attached to 85th Infantry Division for operations. As of 0130 hours, 9 April, Companies A, B, and C were in position of readiness for their primary mission. As of 2125 hours, 9 April, Companies A, B, and C returned to their former positions for their secondary role. C Company returned to 88th Infantry Division authority. 2nd Battery, B Company attached to 85th Infantry Division for tactical purposes. Reconnaissance Company established tank O.P.'s. On 12 April, Battalion Forward C.P. moved into new area on highway #7. Company A was shelled with 6 rounds 88mm on 13 April with no damage to personnel or materiel. On 15 April five Second Lieutenants were attached from Personnel Center #9 for training. On 18 April, First Lieutenant George F. Sheehan was relieved of his platoon, Company A, and returned to rear area. On 19 April, he was notified by his commanding officer that he was under arrest in quarters awaiting court-martial trial. On 22 April, 2nd and 3rd platoons, Reconnaissance Company, entered a new phase of operations by supporting infantry attacks with 200 rounds 81mm mortar fire. On 26 April, First Lieutenant George F. Sheehan was found guilty by General Court-Martial, 88th Infantry Division and on 29 April the Lieutenant was delivered to PBS Disciplinary Barracks for confinement and to await action of the reviewing authority.

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During the month of April five (5) Purple Hearts were awarded enlisted men of this battalion, all of Company B: Sergeant Garfield J. Gutierrez, Corporal Furton R. Clinkscales, Private 1st Rufus E. Lee, Private Chester G. Paulsen and Private Earl L. Phillips.

As of 30 April the accumulative totals expended in battle are as follows:

3 rd Ammunition	20,952 rounds
81mm Mortar (light)	400 rounds
1 M-10	Lost by direct hit
1 1/4-ton jeep	Lost by land mine

Fred G. Rowell
FRED G. ROWELL,
Major, Infantry,
Commanding.

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